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Homeless seek refuge, new life at city shelter

OPCC puts compassion first

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

The city's increasing homeless population has area shelters turning people away, unable to provide services to the thousands of people in despair throughout Santa Monica and surrounding communities.

The Ocean Park Community Center, one the largest and oldest homeless shelters in Santa Monica, is almost at capacity, handling up to 300 people a day who come for a daily meal, groceries, clothes or a place to sleep.

Roxann Smith, OPCC's development director, said the number of homeless people who come to the organization's access center has doubled in the past four years. It's increased even more in the past year.

"They line up everyday at 9 a.m. and come here to make an appointment to take a shower or to see a case manager," she said. "Most of these people don't want to be here. This is kind of the entry point and almost everybody that is homeless comes here."

But the number of people who come to the access center doesn't even scratch the surface of the city's thousands of homeless that don't seek out help, Smith added.

On Thursday morning, hundreds of people waited in line at the OPCC's access center on Seventh Street and



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dozens of people line up outside of Ocean Park Community Center Thursday morning to take advantage of the homeless shelter's many services.

Colorado Boulevard. Some waited in line to get a sack lunch; others waited to get some new clothes, which are donated by community organizations. Some will make

an appointment to see a case manager who will help them get back on their feet.

If nothing else, the access center and the OPCC's other programs offer a safe place where people can feel human again.

"We are getting people off the street for at least a couple of hours," Smith said.

OPCC officials have worked to offer a variety of services in one location. Every day the access center offers a different service. On Thursday, a physician from the Venice Family Clinic was on hand to give people free medical check-ups.

The OPCC was founded in 1963 and started as a grassroots, volunteer organization to provide assistance to the growing number of homeless and working poor congregating in the Ocean Park neighborhood. OPCC is funded partially by the city, state and federal governments.

In the past four decades, OPCC has grown from a small program at the Church at Ocean Park on Hill Street with a few volunteers to a network of shelters and services that serve more than 12,000 people annually throughout Los Angeles County. Its budget is \$5 million annually and has 110 staff personnel for all of its services. The access center employees about 15 full-time staffers.

The goal of OPCC is to provide assistance to homeless people and help them return to living self-sufficiently.

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Local clergy takes labor's message to the pulpit

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica clergy took their pro-labor message to the masses on Sunday.

Clergy from numerous religions visited each other's congregations throughout the city preaching the dignity of hard work, the need for unions and better wages.



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Father Mike Gutierrez of St. Anne's greets congregates Sunday at Unitarian Universalist Church, where the priest was a guest speaker.

A Jewish rabbinical student visited a Lutheran congregation, a Roman Catholic Priest addressed a crowd of Unitarians and a female minister spoke at a Roman Catholic Spanish-speaking mass.

The event was part of a nationwide "labor in the pulpit" project, which every Labor Day brings community leaders and workers into various congregations to discuss problems confronted by working families.

Many of Santa Monica's clergy have been supportive of the living wage ordinance on this November's ballot, and the majority are members of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice.

CLUE has been heavily involved in advocating for the unionization of several local hotels and drumming up

support for the city's living wage ordinance.

"Working poverty is one of the great moral challenges of our time," said Alexia Salvatiera, executive director of CLUE. "When people work full-time and can't provide for their families, the religious community must make a stand."

Father Mike Gutierrez, of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at 20th Street and Colorado Boulevard, brought the concerns of his poor, working-class congregation that is largely Latino to the packed pews of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1260 18th Street.

"You all know how to work," he said. "You all know how to get callouses I hope. If not, you should."

Gutierrez's message focused on the importance of

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From 'Blue Crush' to 'Die Another Day' — Hawaii lures Hollywood moviemakers

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — From the current surfer movie "Blue Crush" to the upcoming James Bond film "Die Another Day," this year has been one of the strongest ever for Hawaii's film and TV industry.

"We have been marketing ourselves as Hollywood's tropical back lot," said Donne Dawson, manager of the Hawaii Film Office.

Hawaii saw a record \$136 million in movie and TV production revenue in 2000, with projects including "Jurassic Park III," "Windtalkers" and "Pearl Harbor." It

also has a steady diet of U.S. and Japanese TV shows and commercials.

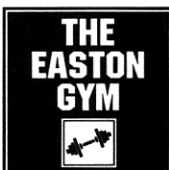
Revenue dropped to an estimated \$70 million in 2001 — a year that included Tim Burton's remake of "Planet of the Apes," filmed on the Big Island. Dawson cited threatened strikes by writers and actors, the poor economy and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

She said this year the industry is bouncing back.

"We stand a very good chance of reaching at least the \$100 million mark," she said.

Projects shot in 2002 include "Blue Crush"; the Bruce

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ What you might have thought was a bright idea could radically change in a few hours when you test it out. Pressure builds around the home front. Use your sixth sense with a domestic matter. Deal with security and basics. Tonight: Order in.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your efforts pay off, especially if you sort through a mixed message. Be clear about your expectations. The better your instructions are, the better the results will be. Return calls. A get-together develops into a rap session. Tonight: Join a friend for drinks.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to understand others helps in unanticipated ways. Your strong instincts point you in the right direction. Air out a money matter carefully. Confusion surrounds a key communication. Straighten out a problem. Tonight: Your treat.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You overcome obstacles; however, you need to sit on a problem for a while. Focus on where you make a difference in order to take your mind off some domestic problem. This situation ends well because of your naturally caring manner. Tonight: Do what you want.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Step back and observe once more. You might need a day off to relax and probably recycle. Still, friends seek you out. Allow greater friendships to develop. Confusion surrounds an important matter involving a neighbor or friend. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Continue the weekend mentality with friends, family and loved ones. Where you are is where others want to be. Don't worry about an issue you cannot correct right now. Stay in the present mood of the happy gathering of people around you. Confirm a message. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is a workday?

♏ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your mind drifts elsewhere, making it a bit difficult to have a conversation this morning. Touch base with a family member you care a lot about. Friends push you in one direction, and responsibilities drag you in the opposite direction. Tonight: A must show.

♐ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance or someone who might need an invitation. Not everything is as clear as you might like it to be. Humor takes you a long way with a confusing situation. Know that you still don't have all the facts, but you soon will. Tonight: Use every last moment of the holiday.

♑ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You don't have to be at a party to have a good time on Labor Day. In fact, make one other person happy, and you'll rejoice in yourself. Close relating produces positive results. Make time for those you care about. Tonight: Put yourself in your work frame of mind.

♒ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Defer to others, especially if you find confusion running amok. You make solid decisions after you get more facts. Friends, loved ones and associates reveal much more if given space. Take off to visit someone, or at least call this person if he or she is too far away. Tonight: Let someone else make a decision.

♓ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Easy does it. You like the good news that comes your way. Schedule low-key but relaxing activities, if possible. You want to be in strong shape this week, so avoid wild partying. Go off and run an errand or two. Tonight: Put your feet up. Let another indulge you for a change.

♐ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. No one knows how to be the life of a party like you. Lighten up with a loved one. Not everything has to be so serious. Confusion runs through plans. Keep personal matters straightened out. Tonight: Stay present in the moment.

QUOTE of the DAY

“Defeat is worth than death because you have to live with defeat.”

— Bill Musselman

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LOCAL



Bangin' on the basics



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Jeronimo Gaspar pounds out hip-hop beats with nothing but buckets and metal pots as he performs on the Third Street Promenade Sunday afternoon.

'Peace at the Beach' event to commemorate Sept. 11

By Daily Press staff

In memory of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, there will be a peace march, rally and concert on Saturday, September 7, in downtown Santa Monica.

"Peace at the Beach," facilitated by the Westside Greens, begins with a gathering at 3:00 p.m. on September 7 at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Third Street. Those attending may then join in a Peace Parade that culminates at the beach, where there will be a live musical concert featuring several area bands and peace motivating speakers. All are welcome.

"This is a unique opportunity for all of us to reconsider our government's actions on the world stage," states Danny Meyer, a member of the Westside Greens Steering Committee. "We believe the only response to violence and terror that will lead to true long-term national security is one that stresses long-term commitments to social justice and democracy worldwide."

"There is growing discontent with the Bush administration's militaristic, go-it-alone approach to foreign policy," says Alex Brideau, another member of the Westside Greens Steering Committee. "The United States is a proud and peace-loving nation, and we need to send a message to our government that some of the policies and actions they conduct in our name are the source of frustration, anger and even danger to people throughout the world."

Peace at the Beach will advocate for a U.S. foreign policy that demonstrates world leadership by working through the United Nations. To guard against human rights abuses by all nations — including the United States — the event will encourage the U.S. to sign on to the International Criminal Court.

For more information, please contact the Westside Greens at (310) 449-1882. The website can be found at <http://www.thewestsidegreens.org/>.

The Q Line

Next week, we, as a nation, will honor the stolen lives that were taken by terrorists on September 11, 2001. At the time, the citizens of this country bonded over that tragic day, people re-examined their own lives and the news media declared that the United States of America would never be the same.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:

"How do you believe America has changed since September 11, if it has changed at all?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Tropical storm Genevieve, which was south-southeast of the California coast last week, shifts west, passing through our swell window. Expect a boost in activity from the direct south. Daytime waves rely heavily on a peaking southwest ground swell. Well-exposed spots can expect waist- to chest-level. Orange County, with the best south exposure, will probably grab most of it, while the Santa Monica Bay sees little from Genevieve because it is too steep a south swell angle.

If the tropical swell doesn't find a way into L.A. County, then surf should begin to decline into the week.

Today's Tides:

High-	3:33 a.m.	2.85'
Low-	7:34 a.m.	2.58'
High-	2:56 p.m.	4.43'
Low-	11:23 p.m.	1.54'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	B
El Porto	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A

DID YOU KNOW?:

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OPINION

LETTERS

Disappointed with the chamber of commerce

Editor:

Along with my colleague, Dr. Teresa Wright, I attended the "Town Meeting" on the living wage held at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday, which your newspaper covered in a well-written and balanced article by Andrew Fixmer, (Chamber: Living wage leads to job loss, August 28). We were quite disturbed that at an event, which, as you accurately reported, had been billed as a "forum" on the issue, and which the chamber described as an "educational event," only presented one side of the issue. And that, indeed, speakers who were present and willing to discuss the other pro-living wage perspective were prevented from doing so.

The word "forum" comes from the Latin word for an open market, as in an "open market of ideas." As social scientists, we went to this educational "forum" expecting to be presented with a balanced, open discussion of this complex and important question. Instead, we were treated to what amounted to a diatribe from one speaker, who offensively compared the living wage to Hitler's seizure of power, followed by an entirely one-sided account of the living wage from two economists, who are apparently being paid for their research by the chamber of commerce itself. Experts representing the pro-living wage position, who had also paid for their seats at the luncheon, were directly prevented from stating their views to the audience. This obviously does not constitute an open, educational "forum," and we are extremely disturbed that we, and the other members of the audience, were not permitted to hear both sides of the issue.

As you are aware, the City of Santa Monica commissioned a study by another economist, Dr. Robert Pollin of the University of Massachusetts, which strongly supports the Santa Monica living wage ordinance. A number of other economists who have studied the issue have also arrived at conclusions opposite to those of the economists who spoke at the Council luncheon. Harvard labor economist Richard Freeman, for example, has reviewed the city's study, and confirms all of its core findings: That low-wage workers would benefit, that the hotels affected could afford to pay the living wage and that any job loss would be small. The law has a hardship exemption to cover any businesses that might be harmed by it, including the one or two restaurants likely to be covered by the law.

The living wage initiative, Proposition JJ on the November ballot, has the support of many elected officials, including Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, School Board President Julia Brownley and California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres.

The chamber of commerce has the right to conduct one-sided events, and, I suppose, even to prevent paid attendees in the audience from presenting contrasting views. But it should not publicize these as open "town meetings," "forums" or "educational events."

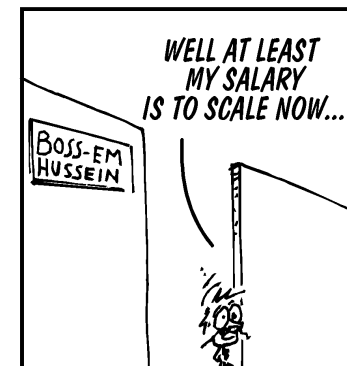
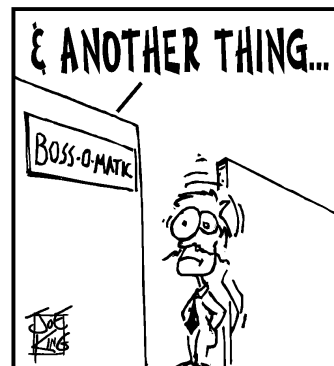
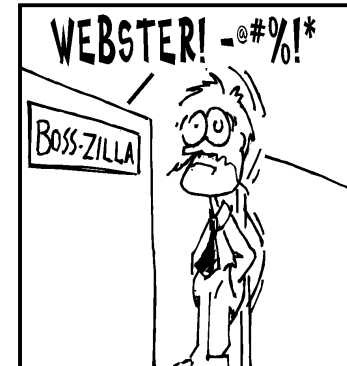
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WEBSTER

by Joe King

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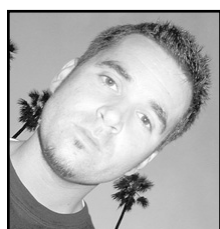


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Eurotrash: The everyman's guide to crossing the pond, Part 3



TWISTED
By Dan Dunn

(Editor's Note: This is the third and final installment of the Eurotrash series)

OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE. 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY.

More than half a century ago, Allied troops stormed the beaches of Northern France and emerged victorious in what proved to be one of the most devastating battles in the history of warfare. Many soldiers gave their lives here to defeat Hitler's Nazis, making it possible in this new millennium for me to roam freely across the rolling green hills and immense sand bunkers of Normandy with my fellow man — in this case, Dead Air Dave — and to joyously proclaim, "Man, I just hit the piss out of that five-iron!"

Yes, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that nothing is sacred, some scum-sucking greedhead greased the corrupt local zoning board a few years back and got permission to build a golf course just a chip shot away from the site of the most historic battle of World War II.

Remember the gruesome depiction of the

D-Day invasion at the outset of Steven Spielberg's epic "Saving Private Ryan"? Turned your stomach, didn't it? Now think about all those young GIs paying the ultimate price in blood so that fat, rich white guys could desecrate the ground with putters.

You can't miss it, even if you want to. The road to the American Cemetery at Normandy is littered with billboards exhorting visitors to "Golf Omaha Beach." When I first saw one, it was damn near all I could take. And my initial disgust gave way to all-out fury when I learned golf carts weren't included in the exorbitant greens fees.

Now believe me, by no means am I trying to belittle the sacrifice my forefathers made at Normandy, but when it comes to golf, it's all about impressing other people with the courses you've played. You think guys fork over \$300 to play Pebble Beach because they enjoy duffing balls into the ocean? Of course not. They pay to play there so that for the rest of their lives they can tell less fortunate hackers that they played Pebble Beach. And tell me, how many golfers you know have played Omaha Beach?

I rest my case.

ARROMONCHE, A FEW MILES NORTH OF OMAHA BEACH. LATER.

Tipping a few beers with a group of American World War II veterans making their first visit to Normandy since the D-Day invasion. Rather than being somber and forlorn as you might expect, these guys are quite ebullient ... seems time really does

heal all wounds.

"This place is beautiful," says a man with a big furry white mustache, "although I don't remember it being that way back then."

No shit, you think.

His remark is met with a chorus of here-heres and the clink of toasting beer mugs.

"Hard to believe what went on down on those beaches," adds another.

Here-heres!!!

"It's a damn miracle we all made it out alive," says yet another.

More here-heres and mug clinking.

"Yep, a goddamn miracle."

Emphatic here-heres and clinking.

"I remember being dug in near the water with bullets whizzing overhead thinking I was going to be stuck in that bunker forever," says the man with the furry mustache.

"Tell me about it," I mumble with disgust.

Silence.

Then greater silence.

Followed by absolutely no sound whatsoever.

"Well," I finally chortle, nervously, "I got caught in a bunker on the eighth at Omaha Beach and wound up making triple-bogey on the hole. And you guys thought YOU had it tough out there!"

Ta-dum-dum!!!!

PICCADILLY CIRCUS, LONDON. VERY LATE, FRIDAY.

So as you can see, it was truly a tumultuous ride across the European continent. After several rounds of drink — on Yours

Truly, of course — the old American GIs at Arromonche forgave me, chalking my seeming disrespect up to innocent precociousness.

Actually, it was my usual nervous reaction to something actually significant. Sometimes we use humor to deal with what we can't understand, and sometimes we use it to deal with things that we understand perfectly damn well. (Told you I was reading a lot.)

By midnight at Arromonche, I knew all the words to "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" and was made an honorary member of the 58th Armored Division.

From Normandy, Dead Air and I headed north and spent several uneventful, yet extremely relaxing days at the beachfront hamlet of Etretat as guests of the Benedictine company.

Crossed the English Channel in the Mini via Eurotunnel (take that, Air France!) and arrived in London in time to catch my all-time favorite musical hero, Joe Strummer of The Clash, walking a little dog across Trafalgar Square.

Should I stay or should I go?

Go, I suppose.

Back to the states for a respite, then off to Fiji to cover the Eco-Challenge adventure race. Expect a similar report on the heels of that great passage, assuming snakes, orangutans or the indigenes don't do me in.

Until we meet again, keep reaching for the ground ...

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LOCAL



Homelessness can't be swept under the rug, officials say

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"We try to build a relationship of trust so when it's time for them to move on, they feel comfortable with us and start talking about the next step," Smith said.

The first step

The OPCC has an outreach team that combs the streets of Santa Monica. The first thing they do when they make contact with a homeless person is tell them about the access center.

"They let them know where they can be or where the police don't want them," Smith said. "They also get calls from business owners who know certain individuals who need help and are worried about them."

Of the thousands who are helped each year by the OPCC and its six projects, 98 percent of them live below the poverty level; 85 percent are homeless and 50 percent of them are mentally ill.

"The majority of all the people that come here have fallen through the cracks," Smith said. "It's so easy for us to say 'go get a job,' but they have no support system so we become their support system. Many of them have a mental or physical disability."

One of those disabilities is drug and alcohol addiction. Many of them turn to drugs and alcohol just to be able to cope with living on the street. One homeless man who was waiting for assistance in front of the access center on Thursday said it gets busier at the end of the month when people have spent all of their money — usually on drugs.

Living on the street for even a short period of time will alter a person's mental state quickly, said Christina Erteszek, one of 278 volunteers at the access center.

"After two weeks on the street, you suffer mentally," she said. "Being homeless is everything you don't want to be — dirty, an outcast."

There are countless stories of people who have lost their jobs, or developed a serious medical condition who are now unable to find work. And in today's society where many people live beyond their means, there are thousands of people who are only a paycheck away from becoming homeless, Smith said.

"It's not like they have a savings account to draw on," she said. "A lot of people think they are lazy and don't want to work, but it's just not true."

OPCC officials say about 75 percent of their clients graduate from transitional housing and remain in permanent housing for at least a year.

"When you are homeless, the first thing you do is lose your dignity," Smith said. "They come from so far down and have been so beaten up that when they make it they have in a sense come even further than me. The ones that make it are heroes to me."

Going from emergency state to transitional

The wait list at the access center for an emergency bed in Santa Monica is four pages long.

"They have to call every day to see if a bed is open," said Lou Ann White, the access center's interim director.

There are only 450 beds in the city, and not even half are dedicated for emergency shelter. The OPCC provides beds specifi-

cally for mentally ill women, as well as transitional housing.

"It's a place where they can feel connected to the world," Smith said. "It's part of the healing process."

Smith said overall, 720 people were placed in emergency shelters last fiscal year while 328 were put into transitional housing and 158 into permanent housing.

OPCC's Turning Point Transitional Housing program provides a rehabilitative program for homeless adults who are dedicated to returning to society and the workforce. Clients stay for up to nine months, must hold down a job and are required to sign a sobriety contract. They also are required to save 80 percent of their income.

Daybreak Shelter, which is in the same building as the access center, offers women a place to live for up to six months while they get their lives back together.

Daybreak Day Center, which is provided by OPCC, is open every day for women who are mentally ill, or are victims of domestic abuse or substance abuse. An apartment at a city-owned building near the Santa Monica Pier, provides refuge for a few hours.

Women can come to get a hot breakfast and lunch, see a psychiatrist and build a relationship with staff members to help them through the transition of seeking government assistance and eventually living on their own.

"They can take a nap here because they feel safe," Smith said. The women come early in the morning and leave at 2 p.m. They are allowed to come for up to seven days straight, then it's every other day.

"Sometimes they don't come for months, but they always reconnect," said Gabriele Hooks, Daybreak project director. "We help them get through the system."

Hooks added that she has to turn people away, which is disappointing and heart wrenching for many staff members and volunteers. Most everyone who works or volunteers for OPCC agree more needs to be done.

Over the last 18 months, Daybreak has beefed up its staff because of the increased number of homeless in Santa Monica, Hooks said.

It's not just Santa Monica's problem either. Homelessness is a national issue that continues to be ignored, OPCC officials say.

"You go to any city in the country and you will see this right now," said OPCC's associate director, Debby Maddis, while watching dozens of people take advantage of the access center's services on Thursday. "Where is the political will in this country to help each other?"

Smith said the misconceptions about homelessness and how ineffective services are run rampant throughout the city and country.

"OPCC is not perpetuating a cycle of homelessness ... It helps and if we weren't here, they would be on your front door," she said, adding that she hopes one day society recognizes that homelessness is everyone's problem.

"It's not our intent to have them depend on us," she said. "Believe me, we would love to put ourselves out of business."

See related story on the Ocean Park Community Center's Adult Outreach Team on page 6.

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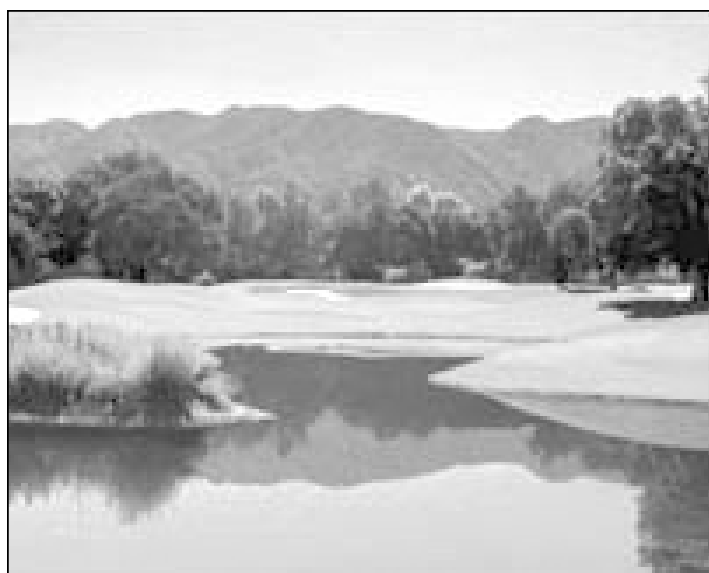
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LOCAL

Local clergy central to living wage movement

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hard work, and only once did he mention the living wage ordinance by name.

"Once you get people propelled into the idea of the dignity of work, then everything else falls into line," he said after the service. "Of course they are going to support the living wage if they respect the dignity of work."

The crowd at the Unitarian church was a far cry from the congregation Gutierrez administers to only blocks away. Though the faces were paler, the level of education broader, and the income levels much higher, they were nonetheless receptive to his message of economic justice.

"I thought it was a good reminder," said Charles Haskell. "I think many of us are already on that road and are supportive of the living wage."

"Not all," he added, "but many of us are."

Members of the church sang an opening hymn titled "We are a Gentle, Angry People" that called for economic, social and racial equality.

A children's story called "A Day's Work" by Eve Bunting about California day laborers was read aloud to the congregation before Gutierrez spoke.

"A fair number of our speakers have been on topics of social justice," said Vilma Ortiz, a Unitarian Church member. "It is a theme we embrace in the congregation."

The city's living wage law would raise the minimum, hourly wage for low-income workers at coastal Santa Monica businesses that earn more than \$5 million a year from \$6.75 to \$10.50 with health benefits or \$12.25 without benefits. The wage for workers without benefits would

increase to \$13.00 after one year.

If voters approve the measure on the November ballot, it would mark the first time in the country that a municipality has dictated wages to private businesses that are not taking money, either through contracts or subsidies, from local government.

The majority of the workers that would benefit from the ordinance are low-income employees of luxury beachside Santa Monica hotels and restaurants, supporters say.

Workers from various Santa Monica hotels and organizers with the Hotel Employee & Restaurant Employee Union accompanied clergy on their rounds to the city's congregations.

HERE has been involved in a public battle to unionize the Loews Santa Monica Beach hotel, at 1700 Ocean Avenue, and the Doubletree Guest Suites hotel, at 1707 Fourth Street. It is also organizing support for the living wage ordinance.

Because the only exemptions from the living wage ordinance are from economic hardship or if a business has a unionized workforce, opponents of the measure say it's essentially strong-arming hotel owners into capitulating to the unions. Union organizers, however, deny the claim.

In Santa Monica, as in almost every city where a living wage ordinance has been enacted, the area's clergy have been central to its campaign.

"They have been extremely involved from the start," said Danny Feingold, a CLUE spokesman. "Go back five years when this started, they have been the moral voice of the movement."

"The living wage movement is unimaginable without the leadership of the clergy," he said.

Homeless activists reach out to Promenade businesses

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Homeless activists are trying to provide an alternative to Third Street Promenade business owners who are frustrated with the city's homeless population.

Members of the Ocean Park Community Center's Adult Outreach Team — which connects residents living on the streets with services available to them — have been distributing fliers that ask business owners to contact the team when they have problems with a homeless person.

The team's focus is on providing assistance to homeless persons who are mentally ill or substance abusers.

"The flyer was a reminder to let people know that we are out here," said Reenita Dues, an outreach coordinator. "The majority of our focus is being out there for people."

When businesses call, a team member is dispatched to the scene and determines what services are available to help the individual. Sometimes, team members can take the homeless person to a shelter and help him get cleaned up and offer new clothes and a hot meal.

"We go out into the community where there are large and small communities of homeless individuals," said Debbie Maddis, OPCC associate director. "If they are ready and willing, we do the transport and services right there."

Besides businesses and private individuals, the outreach team assists the police department on homeless issues and conducts presentations to groups about current resources for the homeless. OPCC officials say the group answers between three and five calls a day.

Ever since the outreach team was created in 1986, officials say it has worked with the business community on dealing with the city's long-standing homeless population. This week's fliers on the Promenade are nothing new, they say.

"We have always done outreach to the Promenade," said Dues, who has been on the outreach team since 1999. "Most of the work we have been doing was responding to people who already knew us."

And not every call is about a homeless person harassing people. Dues says many times business owners call when they become concerned about a homeless person who lives near their store or see on a daily basis.

"Most often homeless people aren't that big of a nuisance," Dues said. "Many times business owners see these people and get to know them, and then see them getting sick or not getting enough food, and they'll call us and alert us of that person."

To find out more information about the Adult Outreach Team, to schedule a presentation or to report someone in need of their assistance, call (310) 508-7944.

STATE



Governor's race to pick up steam on Labor Day

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The California governor's race gets into high gear this week with the traditional Labor Day kick-off of the fall campaign season.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis planned to hop a plane Monday to attend labor rallies in Los Angeles, Pleasanton and San Diego — the first major campaign swing in his battle for re-election.

His Republican opponent, Bill Simon, who's been campaigning since the March primary, was scheduled to attend a barbecue at the Nixon Library and spend the afternoon greeting voters at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

"In most election cycles Labor Day is the countdown to the main event, which is usually about 65 days away," said GOP consultant K.B. Forbes, who isn't working on the race. "Californians have traditionally been soaking in the rays until just after Labor Day, when they finally figure out there's an election going on."

Simon's advisers, who have been husbanding their scarce resources on the theory that voters don't pay attention before Labor Day, promised a stepped-up television campaign leading up to Nov. 5.

Davis, who has money to burn, has blanketed the airwaves with ads since early June and planned to increase his weekly ad buy from \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million this week.

The governor's race is the most high-profile, but campaigns for lieutenant governor, insurance commissioner and other offices will grow more heated in the weeks to come, as will the battle in Los Angeles over San Fernando Valley secession.

"In all the Democratic campaigns you will see an increase," said Bob

Mulholland, spokesman for the state Democratic Party. "The average voter will see our ads on TV when they wake up, they'll hear our radio ads when they're driving to work, they'll get our Internet ad at work, and when they get home there'll be a door hanger to remind them who the candidates are and where they vote."

Republicans promised a similar push, though state GOP spokesman Rob Stutzman noted the Sept. 11 anniversary might keep voters focused elsewhere for longer than years past. Both Davis and Simon promised to pull their ads from the air Sept. 10 and 11.

"This race will continue to be a passing notion in voters' minds until it's more of a TV news story, until they see more TV ads, and until they start receiving election material in the mail, and some of that may take until the end of October," Stutzman said.

For Simon in particular the home-stretch will be key. In the months since his surprise victory in the primary, the first-time candidate has been battered by controversy over his tax returns, campaign staff turnover and a \$78 million civil fraud verdict against his family investment firm. He lags badly in fund-raising and trailed the governor by 11 points in a poll released last week by the Public Policy Institute of California.

Simon said the governor's consistently mediocre approval ratings continued to give him hope.

"We've been campaigning six days a week, almost seven days a week, now I just think we're going to campaign full-time," he said in an interview.

"I'm feeling very good about the campaign," Simon added. "We're within striking distance of Gray Davis, no question. I think he's very vulnerable, I think we just have to make sure to get our message out."

Hawaiian economy helped by filmmaking business in 2002

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Willis project "Tears of the Sun," set for release next year; and the opening sequence of "Die Another Day," filmed at a Maui surfing spot. Upcoming shoots include an action film starring The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) entitled "Helldorado"; a thriller based on an Elmore Leonard crime novel, "The Big Bounce"; and the "Baywatch Hawaiian Wedding" reunion movie.

At least two TV pilots are to begin filming next year: a police drama, "The Break," and a crime series entitled "808," Hawaii's area code.

Scott Wong, business representative for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 665, said some of the increased shooting in Hawaii is the result of post-Sept. 11 fears.

"Actors and major producers are not wanting to leave the security of the United States and go to countries that may have terrorist activity, or them having to fly 10 hours to a remote location," he said. "So that helps keep them here at home."

"We have all the amenities: five-star hotels, people that speak English, a safe environment where you're not worried about getting mugged. All those things help."

Wong also cited tax incentives that the

state offers for performing arts projects.

It's the lower-profile work — commercials and TV shows — that provides Hawaii's film industry with sustained employment, Dawson said. Her office, part of the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, grants film permits and works as a liaison with filmmakers.

Hawaii's main selling point is its diverse scenery, which ranges from beaches to forests, mountains, deserts and urban landscapes.

"Nothing looks like Hawaii. Nothing looks like a tropical paradise except for here," said director Sean McNamara, who was on Oahu last week filming a TV movie, "The Stevens Get Even," based on the Disney Channel series "Even Stevens."

McNamara's film is set on a perfect, fictitious island off California, and he had been looking for swaying palms, peaceful beaches and lush green mountains.

Countries that compete most with Hawaii as film locations are Canada, Australia, Mexico and Costa Rica.

According to the Hawaii Film Office, the state has played host to 211 movies since 1913, when two one-reel films — "Hawaiian Love" and "The Shark God," starring Virginia Brissac and James Dillon — were filmed on the islands.

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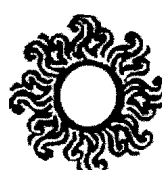
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STATE

Agencies spend \$4M trying to eradicate killer algae

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Despite spending \$4 million fighting an infestation of “killer algae” in two California coastal communities, state and federal agencies have been unable to eradicate the noxious weed which can severely damage marine ecosystems.

“We are seeing a reduced number of colonies,” said Bob Hoffman of the National Marine Fisheries Service. But “it’s just amazing how adaptable and resistant it is to being eradicated,” he said.

While *Caulerpa taxifolia* poses no threat to humans, the algae earned its nickname because it can rapidly wipe out marine plants such as eel grass, an important plant that serves as food and shelter for snails and other invertebrates.

Hoffman said a coalition of state and government agencies have spent \$4 million trying to contain the two known outbreaks in the U.S. When patches of the algae are found, they are covered with tarps and treated with chlorine.

Once used to decorate saltwater aquariums, the algae has ruined marine ecosystems in the Mediterranean, its place of

origin. It was first discovered in North America two years ago in the Agua Heidionda Lagoon in Carlsbad. It was later found in Huntington Harbour in Los Angeles County.

In the Carlsbad lagoon, researchers recently checked 16 treated patches. Fifteen appeared free of the algae, but the fast-growing plant remained in one area despite being covered for about two years.

“It’s sort of dumbfounding us,” Hoffman said. “It’s hard to believe a plant can be covered with the tarp where light doesn’t get through for two years and be able to survive and — when exposed to favorable conditions — be able to grow again.”

In Huntington Harbour, some new sprouts were also found this past spring.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture placed *Caulerpa* on its list of noxious weeds three years ago, which makes it illegal to import into the United States. In 2001, Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation making it illegal to sell, possess, transfer or release the weed in California.

Extensive monitoring and surveys are part of the eradication effort, something officials say is key to containment.

San Francisco travelers face a Golden Gate toll hike

BY ANGELA WATERCUTTER
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Holiday travelers jamming the Golden Gate Bridge had to start handing over \$5 Sunday to cross into San Francisco as the agency which manages the span grapples with a large budget shortfall.

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District recently raised tolls from \$3 to \$5, boosted bus and ferry fares and is considering other measures to compensate for an anticipated \$441 million budget shortfall over the next five years.

The toll increase took effect at midnight Saturday night. Board members hope the new toll will ease the deficit by \$134 million.

Some Bay Area drivers said they weren’t thrilled to part with an extra two bucks.

“I think it stinks,” said Mike Lehmann, an economics professor at the University of San Francisco who was sitting outside the Bridge Cafe at the foot of the landmark Sunday, saying he thinks the toll hike is a way for drivers to subsidize ferry service.

District spokeswoman Mary Currie said the system switch went smoothly, but the real test lies in how well Labor Day travelers manage the change.

There are some ways to get a discount. Users of the FasTrak electronic toll-paying system are charged only \$4 to cross the span. Currie said more than 5,000 have signed up since bridge directors approved the new tolls, and she expects even more motorists will join to save a buck and ease their commutes.

Currently about 60 percent of daily Golden Gate Bridge commuters use FasTrak to pay the toll, Currie said. Most visitors still pay with cash.

District board members voted in June to raise the auto toll from to \$5. Tolls last increased in 1991, when they rose from \$2 to \$3.

The district cites inflation, costly projects including a seismic retrofit and a loss of tax revenue from the slowed economy as some of the reasons for its financial crisis. The Golden Gate Bridge is not state-owned, and the toll increase does not affect other Bay Area bridges.

Cause of carbon monoxide at Oscars’ home undetermined

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fire officials were uncertain Sunday what caused carbon monoxide fumes in a parking structure stairwell at the new home of the Oscars in Hollywood.

The fumes sent three valet parking attendants to a hospital and shut down the 3,000-car parking structure at the Kodak Theatre for about half an hour Saturday.

Tests around 7:30 p.m. detected low levels of carbon monoxide in a stairwell, but not in the underground parking structure or in the theater itself. The parking garage reopened and normal operations resumed.

The attendants complained of throat irritation, watery eyes and nausea, and were treated and released at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

The cause of the fumes was undetermined, but no further investigation was planned, city Fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said Sunday.

“Things were quickly back to normal,” said LeeAnne Stables, a spokeswoman for Trizec Retail and Entertainment Group, a developer of the Hollywood & Highland center that houses the Kodak.

The Kodak held its first Oscars ceremony this year and the Latin Grammys were scheduled for Sept. 18.

NATIONAL



Republicans, Democrats gear up for election home stretch

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party chairman said the GOP is fighting “the tide of history” in trying to make gains in the November elections, as he and his Democratic counterpart previewed an acrid home stretch by trading bitter accusations on Bush administration policies.

Republican National Committee Chairman Marc Racicot shied away Sunday from making any “extravagant promises” about his party’s prospects for winning seats in Congress and capturing more governorships in this year’s midterm elections, in which the president’s party traditionally loses seats. However, Racicot said, “We are inspired sincerely every day to believe that we can do those things.”

Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the House GOP campaign committee, predicted Republicans would “make history, and maybe gain a few seats.”

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said his party would take control of the House, keep its majority in the Senate and win as many as seven new statehouses.

McAuliffe framed the elections as a nationwide referendum on Bush’s domestic policies, which he called a “disaster.”

As an example, he cited the Congressional Budget Office’s projection last week that the nation will remain mired in deficits until Bush’s income tax cuts expire in 2010, as current law requires. “I think the issue is going to come down to who will do a better job on the domes-

tic agenda, the kitchen-table issues,” he said on the CBS program “Face the Nation.”

However, McAuliffe said, the “political environment” made it impossible for Democrats to call for a repeal of the tax cuts before 2010. Bush has said delaying or rolling back the tax cuts would amount to a tax hike, warning in January that “Not over my dead body will they raise your taxes.”

“The allegation that somehow they’re making progress with the agenda of the American people amounts to nothing more than drivel, in my judgment.”

— MARC RACICOT
Republican National Committee Chairman

“So why do the Democrats want to get into the debate when the president said he would veto it over his dead body?” McAuliffe asked.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., refused to take a stand on whether the tax cuts should be rolled back. But speaking on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” she said she would back new tax cuts for middle- and low-income taxpayers.

Davis said on NBC that backing off on last year’s tax

cuts would be “the wrong answer” because they have helped spur the economy.

Racicot said on CBS that the income tax cuts, a sweeping education overhaul and corporate-reform measures were among Bush’s greatest accomplishments. But, he said, the election will be “driven by local issues, we think, around the country.”

He charged that the Democrat-controlled Senate had bottled up other key priorities, such as energy legislation and measures to expand the role of religious groups in delivering social services.

“The allegation that somehow they’re making progress with the agenda of the American people amounts to nothing more than drivel, in my judgment,” Racicot said.

Bush has undertaken an aggressive effort to boost Republicans, raising unprecedented sums of money for candidates and traveling heavily on their behalf. He returned to the White House on Sunday after 32 days in Maine and Texas, a “working vacation” during which he headlined fund-raisers in 11 states. He was to return to the fund-raising trail Tuesday with money events in both Kentucky and Indiana.

Without mentioning Bush’s campaigning, Racicot said he saw “a historic opportunity” for gains, despite the history of the president’s party losing ground in midterm elections.

But, he added, “I would realistically tell you that we do swim against the tide of history, obviously, when we (seek to) hold on to the House of Representatives or we regain a seat in the United States Senate and maintain a majority within the governors.”

Wal-Mart executives say timing of Dole cover was mistake

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Wal-Mart executives said it was a mistake to mail a company publication featuring Republican Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole on the cover less than two weeks before the GOP primary.

The publication, sent to nearly 200,000 North Carolina residents, was meant to promote literacy — not Dole’s candidacy, they say.

“There was nothing remotely political in the intent,” Jay Allen, Wal-Mart’s senior vice president for corporate affairs, said Friday. “It was a matter of coincidence and an honest mistake.”

Allen said the Bentonville, Ark., company would send a letter to the Federal Election Commission informing it of the mailing to make sure no campaign laws were violated.

Dole’s rivals said the mailing was a blatant attempt by the nation’s largest retail chain to influence North Carolina’s primary.

“We’ve had the political titans invade North Carolina attempting to influence the electorate,” said Jim Snyder, a Lexington lawyer and one of six GOP opponents of Dole seeking to replace

Jesse Helms.

Wal-Mart requested the Dole interview in March, about the same time the company’s executives were contributing the maximum amount allowed under federal law to her campaign.

Copies of “Source” were mailed to 195,000 North Carolina homes and several million residences nationwide.

The cover features a picture of Dole with an American flag flying in the background.

In an article titled “Elizabeth Dole would like you to read this article,” Dole talks about the need

to encourage literacy. The article does not mention the election.

Wal-Mart officials said they approached Dole about appearing on the cover of their annual literacy issue after Oprah Winfrey turned the company down.

“They knew she was

active on the issue and wanted her to talk about literacy for the back-to-school issue,” said Jack Cox, a Dole campaign spokesman. “They did not tell us when it would come out. They were very specific to say they did not want to talk politics or mention the election.”



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NATIONAL

Labor Day launches union mobilization plans

BY LEIGH STROPE
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON — Janet Connor's teachers union is focused almost as much on dogged politicking these days as it is on the new school year.

In the battleground state of Florida, the American Federation of Teachers local 1975 in Broward County is mobilizing foot soldiers who are handing out fliers, giving money and urging other members to vote Nov. 5 for the candidates that will be best for public education.

Labor Day is traditionally the beginning of the home stretch for political campaigns, and union members will be out en masse through Election Day to help elect worker-friendly candidates — who, they say, are mostly Democrats.

Organized labor in the last decade has steadily increased its power at the ballot box, representing 26 percent of voters in 2000, up from 19 percent in 1992. For November's midterm elections, unions

say they are making an unprecedented effort to mobilize voters on issues such as protecting Social Security, workers' jobs and health care benefits.

"I don't think I've ever seen the teachers union come together like this," said Connor, AFT local 1975's political and legislative affairs director. "For all intents and purposes, there's nothing else going on politically, and teachers are taking it very seriously."

Control of Congress and 36 governorships are at stake in November. This also is the last election before new campaign finance laws kick in.

The gubernatorial race in particular is dominating Florida's political landscape, and the teachers union desperately wants to unseat Republican Gov. Jeb Bush. It has endorsed Democrat Bill McBride, a political newcomer and Tampa lawyer, who is challenging former U.S. attorney general Janet Reno and state Sen. Daryl Jones of Miami in the Sept. 10 primary.

McBride's campaign and the union have spent \$3.5 million on TV ads this summer to increase his name recognition, arguing that he stands the best chance against Bush.

Labor doled out \$90 million in hard and soft money and individual donations in the 2000 presidential election cycle, of which 94 percent supported Democrats. Unions made up 11 of the 20 largest political action committee contributors to federal candidates that year.

Though labor has become a powerhouse in politics, it still gets outspent 15 to 1 by the business community. Mobilization, not money, is the real key to labor's success, said Steve Rosenthal, the AFL-CIO's political director.

"What we bring to the table is registering, educating and turning out union members, getting them involved in grass-roots political and legislative activities," he said. "What we're about is trying to build power for workers so they have a voice in the process."

But Republicans say they won't let labor's political efforts go unanswered, and President Bush has spent a lot of time cultivating some of the trade unions that tend to be more conservative, such as the Teamsters and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Bush will attend a Labor Day Carpenters Union picnic on Monday. Last year he spent Labor Day with the Teamsters.

A number of unions — even the AFL-CIO — say they intend to support more Republicans this year.

The labor federation of 65 unions is doling out about \$33 million this cycle, about the same that it spent for 2000. Member unions have lent more than 100 full-time staff to the AFL-CIO's effort to focus on particular races. That number will triple in the last three weeks of the election.

Most of the member unions have their own mobilization efforts on top of AFL-CIO's plans.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is targeting races in Minnesota, New Mexico, Michigan and Wisconsin, said President Gerald McEntee, also the AFL-CIO's political chairman.

A jazz great passes



Marty Reichenbach/Associated Press

Jazz musician Lionel Hampton poses in a New York City Apartment in this April 25, 1988 file photo. Hampton, the vibraphone virtuoso and standout showman whose six-decade career ranked him with the greatest names in jazz history, died Saturday at a Manhattan hospital. He was 94, his manager, Phil Leshin, said.

INTERNATIONAL



Grave investigated for possible Taliban prisoners of war

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press Writer

DASHT-E-LEILI, Afghanistan — A scattering of human bones, tufts of hair and robes mark the sandy burial site of possibly hundreds of Taliban who were captured during the war in Afghanistan last year.

The mass grave lies just off a main road on the outskirts of the northern Afghan town of Shibergan and is a five-minute drive from the jail where many Taliban prisoners were held by U.S.-backed Afghan forces. A former commander whose men had the task of burying the bodies guided several reporters to the site Saturday.

The commander, who identified himself only as Taher, said most of those buried died of injuries suffered in fighting before they were captured. But people who claim to be witnesses say many of the prisoners suffocated during their four-day-long transport to Shibergan in unven-

tilated metal shipping containers.

Human rights groups have demanded an investigation and the United Nations said Sunday that it would send a delegation to meet Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord whose forces captured the Taliban and oversaw their transport. Dostum denies that his forces killed any of the captives and has said he would cooperate with an investigation.

"What's all the fuss over these bodies? At least we buried them," said Taher, a large-bellied commander loyal to Dostum who said he ordered a half-dozen men to bury more than 100 Taliban in the sand dunes of Dasht-e-Leili, a desert area, over several days last November.

Taher's response shows how the legal concept of a war crime and codes of treatment for prisoners of war have little currency in Afghanistan, where cycles of brutality and reprisals have long defined the relationship between victor and vanquished.

An investigation that can determine

how many prisoners were buried here and how they died will be difficult in a war-weary nation that lacks a strong central government.

The prisoners were captured 200 miles east of Shibergan at Kunduz, one of the last pockets of northern resistance by Taliban and foreign supporters of al-Qaida. They eventually surrendered after being surrounded by Afghan opposition troops and pummeled by heavy U.S. bombing.

Last spring, a joint forensic team of the United Nations and the U.S.-based Physicians for Human Rights examined three of 15 bodies they dug up at Dasht-e-Leili and determined suffocation was the cause of death. The team estimated there were between 200 and 300 bodies in the grave.

But Newsweek recently cited a confidential U.N. report indicating there could be far more bodies. The report referred to a witness who said 960 prisoners suffocated in sealed cargo containers, the news-

magazine said.

Dostum has denied the report, saying no more than 200 prisoners died. Most of the deaths were "due to wounds suffered in the fighting but also due to disease, suffocation, suicide and a general weakness after weeks of intense fighting and bombardment," Dostum said last week in a joint statement with three other northern alliance commanders.

The United Nations has not pursued its investigation, insisting steps must be taken first to protect witnesses.

The Afghan cabinet has said it will investigate but has yet to do so, perhaps out of concern it may have difficulty asserting its authority over Dostum. The Afghan defense minister, Mohammed Fahim, who is Dostum's ally, has expressed doubts that a mass grave even exists.

In any case, there are no guarantees that an investigation would lead to the truth as little has been done to prevent tampering at the grave.

Compromised reached on last trade issue at World Summit

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Bleary-eyed negotiators at the World Summit were upbeat after reaching deals on climate change and trade Sunday, as heads of state began arriving to discuss poverty and the environment.

"We have absolutely no choice. We must deliver," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said.

The 10-day conference, which started last Monday, aims to agree on a plan to turn promises made at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio into reality.

Diplomats said one contentious issue was resolved late Saturday, when negotiators settled on wording to address the Kyoto Protocol on climate change, which the United States, under President Bush, has refused to sign.

The agreed text says nations that have ratified Kyoto "strongly urge" nations that have not done so to ratify it in "a timely manner."

"This is very encouraging," said Danish Environment Minister Hans Christian Schmidt, whose country holds the EU presidency.

Environmentalists also welcomed the wording, though they tempered their enthusiasm. Steve Sawyer, climate director for Greenpeace, called it "a tremendous achievement in this process because basically it doesn't go backward."

"It's about the only thing in this text that doesn't," he added.

Negotiators also reached compromises on trade that largely stick to language agreed to at a World Trade Organization meeting in Doha, Qatar. They include a reaffirmation of commitments to hold negotiations with a view to phasing out agriculture and other trade-distorting subsidies.

The last outstanding issue was resolved late Sunday when negotiators agreed to delete language giving the WTO precedence over multilateral environment agreements, diplomats said Sunday.

"There's a sense of euphoria among the delegates that they've been able to settle this very difficult issue," said Lucian Hudson, spokesman for the British delegation.

Delegates have now agreed on more than 95 percent of the 70-odd page plan, though a few tough issues remain, summit

Secretary-General Nitin Desai said.

"The document is almost finished," South African Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said.

The head of the U.S. delegation, Undersecretary of State Paula Dobriansky, said she was "encouraged" by the progress made.

"The process is not just about approving text. It's about working with developing countries that look to us for concrete action," she said. "Failure is not an option."

Negotiators meeting behind closed doors worked late into the night Sunday to settle remaining differences over energy and sanitation.

Developing nations have sided with the United States against setting targets on renewable energy sources, while the European Union and other countries are pushing for a commitment to halve the number of people without access to sanitation by 2015.

Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen, representing the 15-nation EU, said the goal was feasible. "We have the technology and the talent, and I would also say we have the money," he said.

But the United States has resisted including new targets and timetables in the plan, arguing the way to get results is through concrete projects — not paper agreements.

With governments increasingly cash-strapped, the summit has emphasized the role public-private partnerships can play in alleviating poverty and protecting the environment.

"We've all realized that governments can't do it alone. We live in an era of partnerships," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told government and corporate leaders at a series of "Business Day" events.

Israel and Jordan announced a partnership of their own, the largest ever between the two countries, a \$800 million pipeline intended to save the shrinking Dead Sea.

Both governments also appealed for international assistance to fund the project that will take three to five years to complete.

More than 50 world leaders were expected in South Africa for the start of the final session Monday, when heads of state will address the summit, with the number climbing to 109 before the summit ends Wednesday.

Villagers return home



Javier Galeano/Associated Press

A boy and other residents of the Bojaya area prepare to board boats to return to their villages at the port in Quibdo, on the Colombian Pacific Coast Sunday. Hundreds of residents of the Bojaya area returned to their villages four month after fleeing their homes after more than a hundred people were killed when rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) fired homemade mortars into the Bojaya church where locals were taking refuge. Hundreds of resident of Bojaya and surrounding villages fled to Quibdo after hearing of the killing in early May.

Eight bodies found, more than 40 missing after boat accident

BY ARCHANA MISHRA

Associated Press Writer

BHUBANESHWAR, India — Rescue workers have found eight bodies and were searching for 42 people still missing Sunday, a day after an overloaded passenger boat sank in a flooded river in eastern India, a government official said.

The boat, carrying 80 people and stacked with nearly two dozen bicycles, hit a submerged sand bar in the middle of the Baitarani River, overturned and was sucked into a whirlpool Saturday, officials said.

Eight bodies were recovered as more than 150 navy divers, firefighters and police officers used searchlights in night-long operations in the river's swirling, rain-swollen waters.

"Thirty people managed to swim ashore. But the rest were swept away by the heavy current," said Kashinath Sahu,

the top government official in the Jajpur district of eastern Orissa state.

The boat was carrying people from Solampur village to Devighat village, about 60 miles north of Bhubaneswar, the state capital, survivors said.

Rescue workers threw large nets across the fast-moving river downstream from the accident. Bhubaneswar is about 235 miles southwest of Calcutta.

Water levels in the Baitarani River have been rising following heavy rains earlier this week, Sahu said.

Monsoon floods happen every year in this coastal state, which is crisscrossed by more than a dozen large rivers that drain into the Bay of Bengal. But the rains have come late this year and Saturday's accident was the first of its kind reported in the state this season.

More than 300 people have died in such flooding in neighboring Bihar state.



SPORTS

Serena Williams' alleged German stalker arrested

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Serena Williams' father says the top-ranked tennis player isn't as worried as she should be about a man arrested at the U.S. Open and charged with stalking her.

"I'm extremely concerned," Richard Williams said Sunday. "It's getting worse."

Albrecht Stromeier, a 34-year-old German, was arrested at the National Tennis Center and was being held on \$3,000 bond. His first court appearance was scheduled for Thursday.

On Sunday, the Immigration and Naturalization Service filed a detainer against Stromeier, meaning he would be taken into federal custody if released on bail, said Corrections Department spokesman Tom Antenen.

INS spokesman Bill Strassberger said detainers are usually filed against inmates with immigration violations such as expired visas. He did not have details about Stromeier's case.

"I don't think Serena takes it seriously enough," Richard Williams said. "She's 20 years old. As a father, it really concerns me."

He said he also worried that the low bail set by the judge might further encourage Stromeier.

Stromeier was arrested and charged with two counts of stalking after police spotted him watching through a fence Friday as Williams, the reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion, played her third-round match against Nathalie Dechy. An officer recognized him from a photo given to police by Williams' manager.

Williams on Sunday advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Daja Bedanova. She gave a post-match news conference, but did not speak about the arrest because of legal and security concerns, according to the Women's Tennis Association.

Stromeier admitted in a written statement to police that he had been following

Serena Williams around the world.

In July, he was arrested outside the gates of Wimbledon after scuffling with police and told the officers he loves her and would never hurt her.

"I don't really pay any attention to anything like that," she said at the time. "But I don't see how it could affect my game, him being arrested. I'm a strong person. I try not to let things like that affect me."

In May, he was ordered to leave Italy after police at the Italian Open received word of his history of harassing Williams. Two months earlier, he had walked into an Arizona hotel-resort where Serena Williams was playing and asked to see her. When Stromeier was turned down, he began undressing in front of the desk clerk. He was charged with disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

Williams' mother, Oracene, also reported seeing Stromeier at a Berlin tournament in May and at the French Open in June.

Serena Williams has been traveling with a bodyguard since May. During Wimbledon, she said: "I do have my own security here because the more famous you get, the worse it gets. I just try to take extra precautions because I like living."

Stromeier, who lives with his parents in Frankfurt and whose mother is a psychiatrist, allegedly has tried to contact Williams by phone and e-mail several times. He faces a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in prison if convicted of the stalking charges.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown had requested \$50,000 bail for Stromeier when he was arraigned at Queens Criminal Court Saturday night, Clark said. Judge Lenore Gerald set bail at \$3,000.

"The judge felt that this amount of money was the appropriate amount that reflects the nature of the charge," Clark said.

At the request of prosecutors, Gerald granted an order of protection that forbids Stromeier from coming near Williams, the WTA and the U.S. Tennis Association.

A smashing return



Elise Amendola/Associated Press

Lleyton Hewitt of Australia returns to James Blake of the United States at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Saturday.

Saturday a great day for losers in college football

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

When losers win, college football is a better game.

On Saturday night, it was a great day for losers: Duke and Houston ended the two longest losing streaks among major schools, and Navy ended the fourth longest.

Notre Dame also won in Tyrone Willingham's coaching debut, and that, too, is cause for celebration.

Let's savor the moments, because they might not last long. After all, isn't the race for the national championship all that matters?

It won't for the next few minutes.

With the countdown on for Duke's run at the record of 34 straight losses by Northwestern, the Blue Devils halted their streak at 23 with a 23-16 win over East Carolina. A fitting point total — one for each loss.

Houston had the second longest slide at 15 games before beating Rice 24-10, and Navy ended its 10-game losing streak with a 38-7 rout of SMU in Paul Johnson's first game as coach.

Duke, Houston and Navy. Three teams without a win last season, a combined 0-32. This season, they are a combined 3-0.

"We got into territory we hadn't been in before in a long time," said Duke coach Carl Franks, who improved his record to 4-30.

Duke last won on Nov. 13, 1999, beating Wake Forest 48-35. The football fans didn't forget how to celebrate, though. In the final seconds, they milled around the sidelines at Wallace Wade Stadium, then rushed the field at the end and tore down both sets of goal posts.

Not exactly the same enthusiasm Duke basketball fans are known for, but quarterback Chris Dapolito was impressed.

"It was great to see them excited," he said. "We're not really used to that."

Houston coach Dana Dimel, 3-19 in his first two seasons, saw his Cougars win for the first time since Oct. 21, 2000, a 33-30 triple OT victory over Memphis.

After the game, the marching band belted out the Houston fight song and players jumped up and down on the turf at Rice Stadium. The Cougars also walked off with the Bayou Bucket that goes to the winner of this crosstown rivalry.

"Just to get a win in the first ballgame is so crucial," Dimel said. "We'll celebrate, take a day off like usual, then go back to practice Monday. The team has to learn how to handle prosperity along with adversity."

Navy, which fired Charlie Weatherbie last season near the end of an 0-10 season, last won against Army, 30-28 on Dec. 2, 2000. Had the Middies lost that game, they would have entered this season with a 21-game losing streak.

Johnson, Navy's offensive coordinator in 1995-96, has a winning history. He guided I-AA Georgia Southern to two national titles in five seasons.

"He's brought a great attitude — to not feel like we're second-best," said quarterback Craig Candeto, who ran for 153 yards and three touchdowns.

"We're hoping to get some of the pride back in Navy football and restore some tradition," Johnson said.

Baseball set for September stretch drive

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

Jacque Jones was talking about his Minnesota Twins. The feeling goes for everybody.

"This is something we've looked forward to since the start of the season," the outfielder said. "Now we're not on strike and we have to take full advantage. We're playing baseball now, that's all that matters."

Finally, the focus is back on the ballgames.

With the labor conflict resolved, players and fans can turn their full attention to the September stretch drive.

Pennant races, wild-card chases, stars closing in on milestones — there's plenty to get excited about and no telling what the final month might hold.

Here's a quick look at a few things to keep an eye on:

■ The wild-card races. Shawn Green and the Dodgers are neck-and-neck with longtime rival San Francisco for an NL playoff spot. They play each other seven more times.

■ The refreshing Anaheim Angels have built a small lead in the AL thanks to a relentless brand of hit-and-run baseball

under manager Mike Scioscia. The Angels are looking for their first postseason berth in 16 years, but watch out for the Red Sox, who don't play a team with a winning record after Sept. 4.

■ The AL West-leading Oakland Athletics. With a starting rotation to rival any in the last 30 years, the A's reeled off their 17th straight win Saturday — the longest streak in the majors since the 1953 New York Yankees won 18 in a row.

■ The Atlanta Braves. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and friends should wrap up their 11th consecutive division title soon — an amazing accomplishment. Now if they can just capture that elusive second World Series title.

■ The St. Louis Cardinals. In a season filled with tragedy and turmoil, general manager Walt Jocketty keeps wheeling and dealing in an effort to bring America's best baseball city its first championship in 20 years. Scott Rolen will get his first taste of the postseason if the Cardinals can hold off Houston in the NL Central.

■ The Twins. They've escaped contraction for at least four years, and Torii Hunter and the gang could pose problems in the earsplitting Metrodome come playoff time. The bullpen is terrific, but they

probably need a healthy Eric Milton to beat the big spenders in October.

■ Barry Bonds. The Giants incomparable slugger entered Sunday with a .574 on-base percentage. The previously unthinkable record of .553 was set by Ted Williams in 1941. Bonds could also win his first NL batting title (he's never finished higher than fourth). With a .371 average, he led Larry Walker by 19 points.

■ Curt Schilling. The Arizona Diamondbacks ace is trying to become only the second pitcher since 1980 to win 25 games in a season — Bob Welch won 27 for Oakland 12 years ago. Schilling (21-5) probably has five more starts to win four times.

■ Alex Rodriguez. He's got 48 homers. Imagine a shortstop hitting 60? He'd have to win the AL MVP, even for the last-place Texas Rangers.

■ Alfonso Soriano. The 24-year-old New York Yankees second baseman can become the fourth player with 40 home runs and 40 stolen bases. In just his second major league season, Soriano has 34 homers, 37 steals and a great shot to join Jose Canseco, Bonds and Rodriguez as the only players to accomplish the feat.

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1441 Third St. at Broadway
Blue Crush (PG-13) 12:40, 1:40, 3:30, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:10, 10:10. *Blood Work* (R) 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:30. *Simone* (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:50, 3:15, 7:10, 10:20. *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG-13) 11:40, 12:20, 2:10, 2:45, 4:50, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30. *XXX* (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00. *Little Secrets* (PG) 11:30. *The Master of Disguise* (PG) 1:45, 3:50, 6:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
FearDotcom (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55. *Signs* (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45. *Undisputed* (R) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00. *Road to Perdition* (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50. *Lilo & Stich* (PG) 1:30, 3:35. *Spy Kids 2* (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25. *Serving Sara* (PG-13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Kid Stays in the Picture (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. *Mostly Martha* (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:55. *The Good Girl* (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55. *Possession* (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15. *24 Hour Party People* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today

Community

Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at the Promenade and Wilshire. (310)260-9110.

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